

Undeclared Freshman Info for Kinesiology

Newly Admitted Freshman

Process for Admitted-Undeclared Students to qualify for declaring Kinesiology as their major

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Qualifying courses: Pass a total of at least **four** of the following **qualifying courses** at SJSU within 60 units of arriving at SJSU, two from Column A and two from Column B. A GPA from a minimum of 2 semesters of work is required before applying. For application timeline, see below.

| Column A | Column B |
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| ENGL 1B* | BIOL 65* |
| KIN 70** | BIOL 66* |
| GE area C1, C2, D1, D2, D3, or E | CHEM 30A* (or a higher level class) |

* class must be passed with C or better to “count” toward Kinesiology major/for WST

** class must be passed with C- or better to “count” toward Kinesiology major

Starting at the end of the Fall, 2010 semester and at the end of every semester from then on, the number of open spaces in the Kinesiology major will be determined as follows: Freshman students wanting to declare Kinesiology will be ranked based on their overall SJSU GPA (which **must include at least four of the above courses**). Starting at the top of the list, students will be approved for declaring Kinesiology until the number of open slots at the time is filled.

Advice for Undeclared Freshman

Things you need to know about your situation:

- Declaring Kinesiology as your major will be **very competitive**. A rule of thumb for a target GPA is minimally 3.0. In other words, you should strive for an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher to have a strong chance of qualifying to declare Kinesiology as your major.
- **Don't take all these qualifying courses in one semester.** Spread your courses out over at least two semesters.
- **Have a back-up plan.** Look for a second field, outside of Kinesiology, that really interests you. Start taking courses in that field such that you can switch to that field as your major, in case you cannot qualify for Kinesiology.
- When you have completed at least the qualifying courses, arrange by email to show a copy of your most recent transcript to the Advising Manager for approval. Change of Major Form is at <http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/forms/> The KIN Advising Manager is Mrs. Janet Clair (jclair@kin.sjsu.edu)

Application Timeline

Turn in your completed application to SPX 56 on or before January 10 for spring and on or before June 10 for fall. Application must include:

- * Completed Change of Major form found at <http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/forms/>
- * A copy of your most recent (unofficial) transcript with the four qualifying classes highlighted

Applications received within each submission period will be ranked. We will contact you within 5 business days of the cut-off date if you have been accepted. Contact will be by email, so be sure you have entered your email address correctly. Remember: you must have completed at least 2 semesters of work at SJSU.

According to University Policy, you may only apply to change your major to any one major (e.g. to Kinesiology) twice.